

Statement-II***Subscriber base on BSNL and private Mobile operators***

	March, 06	June, 06	Sept., 06	Dec., 06	Jan., 07
Reliance	205672	237718	242734	319935	340332
BSNL	377038	427895	454836	502904	512154
Bharti	180405	292981	392280	458507	524228
Dishnet	68808	168411	308540	447849	496465
TOTAL	831923	1127005	1398390	1729195	1873179

Curbing of cyber crimes

†299. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of cyber crime is constantly increasing amidst increasing influence of information technology in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the fraud of crores of rupees takes place every year in the country through the cyber crime;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the last two years; and
- (d) the details of steps being taken by Government with a view to curb the cyber crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. As per the data maintained by national Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the incidence of cyber crimes registered under IT Act and IPC sections during the year 2003, 2004 and 2005 are 471, 347 and 481 cases respectively and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered 5

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cases in the year 2005 and 2 cases in 206, thereby showing a mixed trend.

(b) and (c) The amount involved in frauds in the cyber crime cases registered in CBI during the last two years is Rs. 8,13,35,400/-.

(d) The information Technology act 2000 together with the Indian Penal Code, 1860 provides legal framework for countering cyber crimes.

The Government has introduced the Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament which *inter alia* provides for:

- (i) New Forms of crimes, like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e-commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.
- (ii) to impose duties and liabilities upon service providers including Internet Service Providers (ISP), and Intermediaries.

The Government has also conducted several awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for Judicial Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies.

Reduction of ADC levy by TRAI

300. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is considering reducing Access Deficit Charge (ADC) levy;
- (b) if so, to what extent reduction in ADC would benefit consumers;
- (c) whether Government are aware that many telecom companies have charged roaming (both international and domestic deposits from customers);
- (d) whether TRAI would consider the reimbursement of these deposits back to consumers; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?